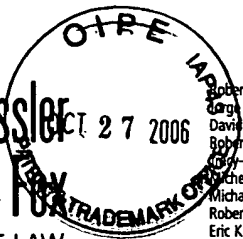




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2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
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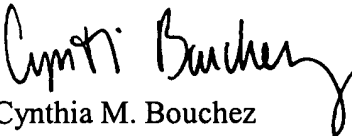
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